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### SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS IN DESTITUTION

### A Horrible Accident Befalls a Young Man and Young Lady While Skating On a Pond.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 9.—Col. A. J. Snyder, the wealthy Kansas City cattleman, arrived in this city Sunday. After a short consultation with some stockmen Col. Snyder sent the following telegram: "A. B. Mayes, chief of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, I. T.: I am prepared to offer you $10,000,000 in cash for the 6,000,000 acres of land known as the Cherokee strip. Answer if any encouragement. A. J. Snyder." The committee appointed by the government has just closed a parley with the Indians, the outcome of which was an offer of $7,000,000 for the land in question, the money to be paid by the government. "We have seen that offer and have given it $8,000,000 better," said Col. Snyder.

#### Sleeper Telescoped.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Dec. 5.—A very serious accident occurred at 7:15 yesterday morning at Jacksonville, Ill., the passenger train on the Chicago and Alton road and a coal train on the Wabash colliding. The two roads intersect at that point and as the Denver express of the Chicago and Alton was passing the crossing the locomotive of the Wabash train ran into the last car, the sleeping car Matter Horn. The locomotive was coming very fast at the time and ran clean through the car, cutting it in two. The shock, which was felt all over the train, created a deal of excitement among the passengers and two men were killed outright and three others injured. All members of the crew of the Wabash were placed under arrest by the authorities to await the result of the inquest on the victims of the wreck. The wounded were removed to the hospital and will doubtless recover.

#### The Natives Shaken Up.

KANSAS City, Mo., Dec. 6.—A special from Lockwood, Mo., says: For several weeks past explosions have been heard and their forces felt in the vicinity, like heavy blasting. They have been growing louder and more violent each day. Yesterday morning two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt between 2 and 10 a. m. At 8 o'clock a third and very violent shock was felt. Houses were shaken and the swaying of their dwellings brought the people out of their beds. The whole population fled into the streets for safety. The shock was alarmingly severe. Its force seemed to be from north to south.

#### Steamships Collide.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The French steamship LaChampagne which sailed from this port for Havre at noon on Saturday returned to her dock at the foot of Morton street at noon yesterday, having been in a collision at 5:30 o'clock in morning with the freight steamer Libsonez, bound for Brooklyn from Rio Janerio. The LaChampagne lost a part of her stem about ten feet long and three feet wide above the water line. The accident occurred about two miles south of Sandy Hook. The stem of the LaChampagne struck the stem of the Libsonez and both vessels escaped serious injury. No person was hurt.

#### Horrible Accident.

CAMERON, Mo., Dec. 9.—Oscar Meyers of Meadville and Miss Maud Grantham of Albany were drowned about 9 o'clock Saturday while skating on a large pond two miles from this city. A party of students had been skating about an hour and were preparing to return to the city. Miss Grantham started to skate across the pond again and when near the center broke through the ice. The young man rushed to her rescue. The ice broke and let four of them into the water. Mr. Meyers, one of the four was drowned, and the other three were rescued with great difficulty. Both of the bodies were recovered.

#### Lewis Held for Murder.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 8.—Friday evening Deputy Marshal Charles Lefter and Detective McKinney lodged Alex S. Lewis in the federal jail at this city on a charge of murder. Lewis is charged with being implicated in a plot by which a train was wrecked and two lives were lost on the Verdigras river, Cherokee nation about two years ago. Four parties were concerned in the plot and all but Lewis are now dead, all having met violent ends. The arrest was made near Atoka. It is said that Lewis has confessed his guilt.

#### A Horrible Fratricide.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 4.—A horrible killing occurred seven miles east of Bolton yesterday morning. J. A. West, a resident of Savannah, Ga., who owns a large plantation in the Brownsville neighborhood, was killed by his brother, Hugh, who has been managing the plantation for several years. West was here for a settlement of his affairs and a disagreement led to the killing. He was shot several times with a pistol and then the entire top of his head was blown off with a shotgun.

#### South Dakota Farmers.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 9.—Lieut. Gov. Fletcher, speaking of the destitution among the South Dakota farmers, says: "Yes, there is destitution in South Dakota, all the reports to the contrary notwithstanding, and what is more, I can't see the wisdom of attempting to cover up these facts or being at all mealy-mouthed about this business. They are bound to come out no matter how much so-called boomers may attempt to cover them.

#### Roasted Alive.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 5.—Between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday morning a fire originating from overheated boilers in the basement of the flats at Ninth and Pennsylvania avenues destroyed that building, and Mr. Irwin, janitor, and his wife were burned to death. A strong wind was blowing at the time and the thirty or forty tenants had a very narrow escape from being roasted alive.

#### Dies With His Boots On.

NAVAJO SPRINGS, A. T., Dec. 8.—A shooting affray occurred here Saturday afternoon, resulting in the probable death of Bud Blake, an ex-cowboy and one of the most feared desperadoes in this section. Blake rode into town and, filling up with tanglefoot, proceeded to shoot up town. After terrorizing the citizens he rode across the country in the direction of St. Johns. About two miles from here he encountered two telegraph operators R. T. Alexander and L. L. Colton, returning from Adelope. Halting him within fifty yards, he called on them to throw up their hands and received immediate responses in the shape of a volley from a Winchester in the hands of Alexander and Colton's sixshooter. Blake returned the fire, killing Colton's saddle bags. Alexander then shot again and Blake fell from his saddle, mortally wounded. The two men rode into the place, when Alexander gave himself up to the constable. The prevailing sentiment is the killing was justifiable. The evidence of some passing strangers exonerates both men.

#### The Coal Miners' Strike.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 4.—The striking coal miners were joined Tuesday by nearly all the men who were at work on Monday, and all the mines are idle except where non-union men are working. [illegible] miners have been secured. Eight thousand miners are now idle, and indications are that the struggle will be long and bitter one. Nearly half the furnaces of the district will go out of blast this week, and others will follow as soon as the stock of coke is exhausted. The strikers are very quiet, but the leaders say they have gone in to win. Mine operators remain firm and are united against paying the wages demanded by the men.

#### Four Blocks Destroyed.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 6.—Shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday fire broke out in Maginnis' cracker factory and was not extinguished until four large blocks were burned. The buildings destroyed were brick, seven stories high, and occupied by E. Maginnis' cracker house; Grew, Granat & Co., stove and hardware dealers; Harris & Co., wholesale druggists. Six or seven firemen who were caught under a falling wall are doing well except Asa Roth, who was badly crushed and injured internally and will die. Fireman Tiger is still missing, and it is feared his body is buried beneath the ruins.

#### A Fatal Fire.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 4.—The fancy department of the Scotter Tobacco company's works was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. It was worth $100,000. The stock was also a total loss, but the value is unknown. Two firemen were killed and two injured by falling walls. The dead are O. G. Robinson, pipeman, and Lieut. Patrick Coughlin. Peter Cullen, pipeman, and Lieut. Pete Doay, seriously hurt. About 650 girls are thrown out of work by the fire. The loss will be about $300,000 and is covered by insurance.

#### A Woman-Slayer Killed.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ky., Dec. 4.—Tuesday evening Gen. Burgess, a saloon keeper, shot and fatally wounded Miss Alice McKinley at her home and then barricaded himself in his saloon, threatening to kill any one who should try to arrest him. Sheriff Webb and Deputy Marshal Cates went to the saloon and broke down the door. Burgess opened fire and a fusilade followed, ending with the death of Burgess. The officers escaped injury. Miss McKinley is reported dying.

#### Affecting Court Scene.

TEXARKANA, Ark., Dec. 6.—Tom Carter charged with the murder of E. M. Thompson in November, 1889, and who has been on trial since Tuesday, was acquitted Thursday night by the jury. The mother and wife of the defendant were in court all through the trial and when the verdict was received a very touching scene ensued. Defendant and his lawyer, as well as his wife and mother and nearly everyone in the courtroom broke completely down, and cried like children.

#### Robbed the Messenger.

ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 5.—At 6 o'clock Wednesday night a United States express messenger left a satchel containing several thousand dollars in packages hanging up in the office of the Baltimore and Ohio depot while he stepped out on business. He locked the door, but when he returned five minutes later the door was unlocked and the contents of the satchel gone. Express officials are very reticent, refusing to say how much the loss is. Detectives are at work.

#### Virginia Sport.

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 5.—Several weeks ago Thad Fowlkes murdered a prominent citizen of Charlotte county named Yancey. He was arraigned for the crime in Charlotte county and the case was postponed. While the sheriff was proceeding with his prisoner for the station to return him to jail a force of men intercepted him and lynched the prisoner by the roadside.

#### A Fiend Captured.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 3.—Jack Willis, the negro who struck his brother-in-law with a club last Saturday and attempted to kill his wife, and afterward made his escape, was arrested in Marshall Monday and brought to this city yesterday morning. The boy has died since and the fiend's wife is reported in a critical condition.

#### THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.

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| COTTON—Middling | 1 [illegible] |
| WHEAT—No. 2 red | 1123 |
| CORN—No. 2 | 63[illegible] |

ST. LOUIS.

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|---|---|
| COTTON—Middling | 9 |
| WHEAT—No. 2 red | 12[illegible] |
| CORN—No. 2 | 5[illegible] |

CHICAGO.

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|---|---|
| CATTLE—Shipping | 4 40 |
| HOGS—Good to choice | 3 60 |
| SHEEP—Good to choice | 4 75 |
| WHEAT—No. 2 | 8[illegible] |
| CORN—No. 2 | 52[illegible] |
| PORK—New mess | 9 25 |
| BACON—Clear rib | 6 05 |
| LARD—Prime steam | 5 [illegible] |

KANSAS CITY.

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| CATTLE—Shipping steers | 4 30 |
| HOGS—Sales at | 3 80 |
| WHEAT—No. 2 | 1[illegible] |
| CORN—No. 2 | 48[illegible] |

NEW ORLEANS.

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| COTTON—Middling | [illegible]y at |

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| COTTON—Middling | at Grove |

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| Cattle—Common to fair | [illegible]sed the marriage. |
| Hogs—Choice | |
| Sheep | Hunter rendered the wed- |

[illegible] march. The DEMOCRAT [illegible] the happy couple a

## TEXAS STATE NEWS NOTES.

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### RACY ROUND-UPS RENDERED READABLE.

#### A Rare Brevity of Items of Interest Gathered from Every Portion of the Empire State.

Jacksboro is to have a first-class lumber yard soon.

The wheat crop of San Saba county is looking fine.

Barley is coming to the front as a crop in Childress county.

Business is good at Tyler and the merchants are happy.

The contract has been let for an artesian well at El Paso.

Recent discoveries of tin ore have been made in Llano county.

An artesian water company has been organized at McGregor.

The Uvalde fair opened a few days ago with [illegible] attendance.

The wheat crop is looking rich [illegible] very well, but is suffering badly in the vicinity of Claude.

The oil mill at Bonham is now making about 1000 gallons of oil per day.

The roof is now being put on the new $50,000 opera house at Greenville.

The Cumberland Presbyterian church of Henderson has been reorganized.

The immigration association of Vernon has been merged into a board of trade.

Hale City is rapidly coming to the front and much building is now in progress.

Kaufman county farmers are very busy preparing their lands for next year's crop.

The cane growers of Houston county are organizing a cane growers association.

Work will soon begin on seven more new brick business buildings at Seymour.

San Antonio is after the United States gun works and has made some liberal offers.

The asylum artesian well at Terrell has reached a depth of 2,000 feet and no water yet.

Wilbarger county is putting about $100,000 in bridges and county road improvements.

The Baptist church of Fairfield is nearly completed and will soon be ready for occupancy.

The cotton crop of Cooke county will probably be 10 per cent. greater than that of last year.

Waco has another artesian well, with a splendid flow of water, making eight wells in all for that city.

About $75,000 worth of improvements are now going on at Vernon outside of public improvements.

William Chapman, an employe of the Cravens gin, near Honey Grove, had his hand and arm badly mutilated a few days ago.

The contract for the erection of the First Baptist church at Abilene has been let and the building will soon be under way.

New seats and furniture for the Baptist church at Gordon, Palo Pinto county, have been ordered and will soon be in place.

The recent election held at Whitney for the purpose of incorporating the town resulted in 44 for and 47 against incorporation.

Small grain in Hunt county was never finer at this season. It is growing so rapidly that farmers are compelled to pasture it down.

Palestine is to have a mattress factory. The contract for the erection of the building has been let and work will begin at once.

The new Christian church at Sherwood has just been finished, and is reported to be one of the neatest structures of all that country.

The Hesperian Building and Saving association of Gainesville is now at work, having been thoroughly equipped for business.

It is said that the new wheat crop of Clay county looks very promising. There has been an increased acreage planted this year.

Jim Patching, Dick Grimes and Walter Matthews have been arrested at Claude for appropriating a calf to which they had no title.

The Ladies' Aid society of Cisco have thoroughly renovated the Presbyterian church at that place, and it is now as good as new.

The Panola male and female college building at Carthage has been finished. It is said to be the finest college building in east Texas.

The contemplated school building at Chico will soon be in course of construction. One carload of material has already been received.

The building boom continues at Alvin and has now assumed such proportions that a little city is bound to be the result if it continues.

The iron bridge across the Colorado river at Bastrop has been completed and turned over to the directors. It has a total length of 1376 feet.

The A. A. college at Alvin, Brazoria county, will soon be built. Plans are under advisement and work on the structure is to commence at once.

The artesian well at the Taylor waterworks is now 1945 feet deep and going down at the rate of five feet in twelve hours, through solid limestone.

It is said that cattle on the staked plains are all fat and in splendid condition to go through the winter. The range is good all over the plains.

The little daughter of William McBurnett, living two miles from Holland, was badly burned a few days ago by the explosion of a steam washing machine.

The Concho Valley Fair association have put in their bid for their dates next year to be Oct. 5 to 10 inclusive. They promise large racing lists and purses.

The Methodist church at San Marcos is entirely too small for the demands made upon its capacity, and it is probable that a new church building will be erected.

There is a project on foot at Corsicana to erect a female college on a grand scale. It is to have sufficient capacity to accommodate at least 100 boarders.

The cane crop of the state this season is yielding more syrup than for years before. The crop was extensively planted, and most every farmer will have a surplus.

A paper mill company has been organized at Memphis among the business men of that place, and a plant will be put in to manufacture paper from cotton seed hulls.

Bill Moody, a negro residing fifteen miles southwest of Bryan, was called to the door a few nights ago and shot to death by unknown men. His assassins are supposed to be [illegible] and $1 both [illegible]

[illegible] prepared for the [illegible] may not have [illegible] which is to be erected at [illegible] cure it promptly [illegible] building is unique [illegible] wishes to try it. [illegible] the style of architecture known as Moorish, in contradistinction to Gothic and Renaissance, and will be of real oriental character, almost square, three stories high and surmounted by a huge gilded dome.

The committee recently appointed by the Austin board of trade to ascertain the cost of a right of way through the city for the Dam railroad have reported that $1000 would suffice.

There is talk at Corsicana of a new electric light company. The street railway company is also investigating the problem of electricity as a motive power on their lines.

In the United States court at San Antonio a jury recently awarded A. H. Davidson $4900 damages for personal injuries received while in the employ of the Southern Pacific railway.

Mrs. Hunter of El Paso has received a fine sample of quartz rock containing wire gold that will average about $20,000 to the ton. The rock was taken from her father's mine at White Oaks.

Austin proposes to expend $600 per month advertising her advantages. It is said the city possesses an amount of energy that harmonizes beautifully with her location by the dam site.

As the result of a runaway and smash-up a few days ago at Era, L. Sandy Holland, a farmer living near that city, had an ear cut off, one arm broken, and received perhaps fatal internal injuries.

A church edifice to cost $10,000 [illegible] erected at Mineola.

Send "Dese 'Cause" have a [illegible] service of [illegible] a million from Kidney and Liver [illegible] not. He looks too happy. —*Bladder.*

Sick people should "cast physic to the dogs" and go to the races. Any one can be better there.—*Binghamton Republican.*

A dead man is given more charity than he can make use of; a living man isn't given as much as he deserves.—*Atchison Globe.*

"At least I can take things in a philosophical way," said the burglar as he lifted out a pane of glass with a rubber sucker.—*Elmira Gazette.*

When a man and woman have been made one the honeymoon is the time spent in endeavoring to discover which is that one.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

She—"John, what do you cook in those jack pots you have at the club—that you sometimes talk about in your sleep?" He—"Soup."—*N. Y. Herald.*

"I can't go Schubert," exclaimed Mrs. Skimgullet at the concert. "But you can go Chopin every day in the week," retorted her husband.—*Musical Courier.*

Psalmist—"Why do the heathen rage?" Cynic—"Probably because so little of the money subscribed for their conversion ever reaches them."—*N. Y. Herald.*

Mrs. Gummy—"Edison says that no experiment which he has tried at night ever failed." Gummy—"Then he never tried to walk his baby to sleep."—*N. Y. Sun.*

Dignified Stranger (at news-stand)—"Which of those papers is the most highly respectable?" Newsman—"This one, I guess. Nobody buys it."—*N. Y. Weekly.*

When we consider the henpecked husband we are more convinced than ever that woman was made of the backbone and not of the spareribs of man.—*Dallas News.*

"We made a big mistake, Adam," said Eve after they had settled outside the garden. "How, dear?" "We should have insisted upon having that matter arbitrated."—*N. Y. Sun.*

"So Col. Playton has all your money?" said one Congressman to another. "Yes." "How did he get it?" "He took it by fours. I was backing a full hand."—*Washington Post.*

Never be at your place of business when a person wants to borrow money of you, because if you are in you will be out, but if you are out you will be in.—*Somerville Democrat.*

"I know where Gilbert got his idea for his twenty love sick maidens and Bunthorne." "From Oscar Wilde, wasn't it?" "No, indeed. From a summer hotel."—*N. Y. Herald.*

Mrs. Snodgrass—"Your husband complains that he can't smoke the cigars you bought for him." Mrs Snively—"Well, I can't wear the bonnet he selected for me, either.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Grimage—"Selby, to be confidential, why did you marry a widow?" Selby—"Well, to tell the truth, I wanted somebody who could correct my mistakes in courting."—*Burlington Free Press.*

Stranger—"May I ask what your profession is?" Minister—"I am a soldier in the army of the Lord." Stranger—"Just the man I've been looking for. I am a pension agent."—*Binghamton Leader.*

Fannie—"I understand, Marie, that you broke your engagement with Mr. Earthleigh." Marie—"O, no, I didn't dear. It just came apart, don't you know, after the season closed."—*Washington Star.*

Tom—"I hear your engagement with Miss Roseleaf is off. What was the trouble?" Harry—"O, I got dead broke and had to break the contract so I could pawn the ring I gave her."—*Boston Herald.*

St. Peter—"Well, Gabriel, are they all here?" Gabriel—"Yes, all except a few messenger boys." St. Peter—"Where are they?" Gabriel—"I don't know. I tooted for them three hours ago."—*N. Y. Herald.*

"Yes," he proposed in the romantic style. He began, 'On my bended knees let me swear,' and so on." "Does he ever talk that way now?" "No. He just swears without asking permission."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

"Pa," said Willie, who had been reading the newspaper, "who are the sulphur retiners?" "I guess they are the heterodox people," replied the old gentleman, who takes a great deal of interest in religious matters.—*Washington Post.*

"What," inquired the telegraph editor of the sporting editor, "is the most troublesome poker query you ever had to answer?" "What have you got? I think is a question that has bothered me as much as anything else."—*Washington Post.*

First Student—"Augustus Cæsar, I discover in my readings, had among his personal attendants a Keeper of Overcoats." Second Student (sadly, as he remembers that his own is in pawn)—"They had pawnbrokers in those days, then?"—*Texas Siftings.*

Watts—"Can you notice any difference in your feelings next morning to indicate whether you have taken beer or whisky?" Mr. Jaggs Lushforth—"Nope; same old feeling—feeling around in my pockets for a stray dime."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

"I guess that Charley Flippins wants to marry Gertrude," remarked one young woman to another. "Why, he pays a great deal of attention to Hattie Smith." "I know it, but he pays a good deal more attention to Gertrude's mother."—*Washington Post.*

## WIT AND HUMOR.

THE TICKLE MAIDEN.
At 7 o'clock she sits and sighs,
"Why doesn't he come? Heigho!"
At 12 o'clock she sits and yawns,
"Dear me! Why doesn't he go?"
—Munsey's Weekly

AT THE ALTAR.
The wedding was all that could be supposed,
The bride was both lithe and gay,
And, if anything, seemed as tho' she was glad
That nobody gave her away.
—Philadelphia Times.

No vice goes alone except advice which is always a lone.—*Drake's Magazine.*

We believe it is the railroad engineer who whistles at his work.—*Lookers Statesman.*

No man is as good at home as his picture looks in a neighbor's album.—*Atchison Globe.*

A man's heart is blamed for lots of things for which his liver is responsible.—*Ashland Press.*

"I live on my wits," said Scribbler. "How do you like that life?" asked Cynicus.—*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

"Why are you in mourning?" "To my rich uncle, whose heir I am. "Is he dead?" "No."—*N. Y. Sun.*

When a man is walking on his uppers the presumption is that he isn't well heeled.—*Binghamton Leader.*

"I say, Charley, that man over there [illegible] quarrelsome?" "No, I guess [illegible] theatre." —*Figaro.*

[illegible] arkansaw, for that bad feeling [illegible] a million from Kidney and Liver [illegible] as the cold developed [illegible] blac[illegible]

The effect of the electric watery expector[illegible] on the compasses of some vessels is [illegible] great that it becomes necessary to determine how many hours the dynamo has been running before working out the vessel's reckoning.

Mr. Froude, in his lately published life of the late Benjamin Disraeli, earl of Beaconsfield, says: "They came to call him 'Dizzy,' and there is no surer sign that a man is liked in England than the adoption of a pet name for him.

A shoe dealer says that girls between sixteen and eighteen have bigger feet than after twenty and twenty-four. The foot is fleshy at that time and large, but as years come the foot decreases and the muscles grew more firm.

Foot ball clubs are so popular and make so much money in England nowadays that many of them are converted into joint stock companies. The spectators seem to enjoy the fighting which is an inevitable accompaniment of the matches.

The sort of dance which has succeeded the can-can in the Paris dancing halls is known as the chahut. Mlle. Grille d'Egout is the leading teacher of its most prominent feature, the flounce-flinging trick, the foundation of skirt dancing.

In the year 1200 chimneys were scarcely known in England. One only was allowed in a religious house, one in a manor house and one in the great hall of a castle or lord's house, but in other houses the smoke found its way out as it could.

The late Mrs. Astor had a lace dress which cost $15,000, and it is stated that another was recently sold to an American lady for $25,000. There are a number of ladies in New York who each own laces valued at from $20,000 to $50,000.

There is no truth in the alleged destruction of the Pyramids for building material. The real facts are that the loose stones accumulated at the base are being removed to lay bare the lowest courses and display the Pyramids to greater advantage.

From reliable data the Oregon weather bureau estimates the following average yield for the state: Wheat, 26 bushels per acre; oats, 42 bushels; barley, 38 bushels; rye, 28 bushels, and hay, two tons per acre, except alfalfa, which averages four tons.

The first water-mill ever built was erected on the river Tiber, at Rome, A. D. 50. Wind mills were in original use in the twelfth century. Tide mills were operated in Venice about 1708. Saw mills are said to have been in use at Augsburg, Germany, about 1332.

The king of France had a falcon which escaped from Fontainebleau, and in twenty-four hours after was found in Malta, a space computed to be at not less than 1,350 miles, a velocity equal to fifty-six miles an hour, supposing the hawk to have been on the wing the whole time.

It is said that once a certain person asked Robert Browning as to the meaning of one of his poems. The poet started to explain and said its meaning was so and so. Then he stopped explaining and said: "I am not certain what I meant. Ask the Browning society. It knows."

The richest professional mendicant in the country is "Blind Johnny" of Philadelphia. He is 60 years of age and is worth about $20,000. He travels from Chicago to Washington, from there to Baltimore, and ends up in Philadelphia, spending about three months in each city. He has made all his money as a mendicant.

Strictly speaking, the only precious stones are the diamond, ruby, sapphire and emerald, though the term is often extended to the opal, notwithstanding its lack of hardness, and to the pearl, which is not a mineral, but strictly an animal product. Popularly a gem is a precious or semi-precious stone, when cut or polished for ornamental purposes.

The great Lethbridge coal fields lie just across the Canadian border from Montana, and are tapped by a branch of the Canadian Pacific and the new Galt Railway from the Great Northern, in Montana. The coal company owns 65,000 acres of land in and around Lethbridge, for which they paid the dominion government $10 an acre.

Herodotus tells of sorcerers who once in every year had the power of assuming the semblance of wolves for several days at a time. Marcellus Sidetes also tells of men who at the beginning of every year were afflicted with a form of madness, during which they believed themselves to be wolves or dogs, and spent the night prowling about burial grounds.

Three young soldiers near Warsaw returned from a debauch with blood on their clothes and the statement that they had beaten some one they did not know. At the same time a sergeant in their regiment was found murdered, and the three soldiers were tried, convicted and shot within twenty-four hours. The next day another soldier surrendered as the murderer.

The Mariposa Gazette says: "While out hunting cattle near Ben Hur last Friday William Coughran's dog bayed a large deer. Will having nothing to shoot it with resolved to kill it with a stone. The third stone he threw struck it behind the ear and killed it. This makes the third deer he has killed without a gun. About two years ago he lassoed one and cut its throat."

Sometimes the law is strangely forgetful. For instance, John Blyer, fifty-two years of age, has been a prisoner in the Vanceburg, Ky., county jail for twenty-two years on a charge of murder. By some strange chance the law has forgotten his existence, and all these years he has been patiently waiting for a trial that has never come. In the meanwhile the witnesses against him are all dead, and his identity has so completely sunk out of recollection that he is referred to simply as "the dead man in cell 2."

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For a sack of extra fine flour, call on Fox & Love.

Two car-loads of flour to be sold in 30 days. Call on Fox & Love.

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Pure apple vinegar made by ...M. Dolbeer of your city, at Fox & Love's

New crop sugars and molasses at Fox & Love's.

Apples, oranges, and all kinds of fruits, at Fox & Love's.

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Mixed pickles in barrels, at Fox & Love's.

Sauerkraut in any at Fox & Love's.

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# CHRISTMAS CHIMES

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Merry, Merry Christmas

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At McKinney, Where you will find rare bargains in various and sundry kinds of HOLIDAY GOODS

These cheeses are to remind you that Xmas time is nearly here. Act thereon.

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Come, see and you will know we can save you money. In behalf of your Xmas goods. Many thanks for the favors of the past. Hopefully,

Murphy, Perry & Co

Murphy. Perry & Co. have done the thing up brown,
They've taken our paper for an ad, and scooped both country and town.
The merry bells are ringing from hill top, vale and steeple,
While Murphy, Perry and their genial clerks sell goods to all the people.

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# HIGH PRICES.

...ome and see us. We will give you good meals, sell yo...

## Cheap Groceries,

Candies, Nuts, Fruits, Pipes,

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Respectfully, yours,

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On the evening of the ... stant a DEMOCRAT rep... ...sirous of becoming ... ...quainted with this ... establishment which ... on the west side of ... sauntered into the ... the genial proprietor ... P. Suttle, who spared ... to show him through ... which was replete ... women and children's ... of the best quality ...

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Respectfully,

Rogers & McM...

# Supplement.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11, 1890

Merit wins—demerit loses. Then give the farmers justice.

When joy reigns in the heart hate has been slain.

The greatest enemy to man is intemperance.

No one should rest in ease and indifference while a tear of sorrow falls from the eye of a fellow being.

To the farmers: Do not stop to parley with your enemy. Let your watchword be, "Onward to victory."

A man who would undermine and injure his fellowman for selfish motives, is as much a thief as a bank robber, and is loathesome in the eyes of all honest men

The Greenville Herald announces that eight thousand persons were converted under Dixon Williams' preaching. Oh, pshaw! that would include the entire population of Greenville and a big slice of the rural district.

What the republican party wants is not legislation to give it more votes in the South, but legislation to bring back the votes it has lost in the North.—Globe Democrat.

If we mistake not, the republican doesn't need any legislation at all. There is danger (to reps.) in legislation.

"Formative Influence" is receiving notice of some of the ablest American writers, politically, religiously and [illegible]. From the pen of these ready writers, we infer that a change in public opinion is at hand; or in other words, public conscience demands a more strict conformity to truth and justice.

The Capitolian of Austin recently criticized severely the Rev. Dixon William in his late protracted meeting, at Greenville, and termed him a "religious mountebank" whereupon the Greenville Herald, in defense of that popular evangelist, proceeded to administer Austin paper a cutting rebuke. Mr. Williams may invade the capital city some day, and if so, we venture the assertion the Capitolian will be ashamed of itself.

Foot ball is an all around game.

## Noble Science.

The pessimist is the common enemy of the human race. He prefers to discourage the noble efforts of his fellowman than to encourage him. He would drive away the sunshine of progression and substitute the shadow of retrogression. To men of science the world owes an unbounded debt of gratitude. While the latter sleeps, unmindful of human necessities, the brain of the scientist is studying patriently a problem which if solved will prove a blessing to posterity. The latest and most wonderful development is in the science of medicine

Dr. Koch a European physician, recently gave out to the world that he had discovered a cure for consumption. This was a wonderful announcement to be believed, and was readily repudiated by those who are inclined to doubt. The investigation continues with wonderful success and at present writing it seems that the most hide-bound moss back is compelled to smother the usual expression, "I told you so."

If this new discovery in medicine proves a final success, who can measure its value? All over our land to day can be found hundreds of unfortunate consumptives who are eking out a miserable existence, whose hearts would beat with lasting gratitude to the benefactor who causes the bloom of health to take the place of the pallid form.

On the 4th instant Prof. Russell Chittenden of the scientific school of New Haven, Conn., received a vial of Dr. Koch lymph, or virus, and it was immediately turned over to Dr. J. P. C. Foster of New Haven, who treated a subject at once and expressed himself as follows:

"The lymph has done all that has been claimed for it, and I am happy to say that the patient this morning is greatly improved. The fever has entirely left him, and he slept well a goodly portion of the night. Ever since the injection a radical change for the better has been apparent, although the full effects of the lymph can not be accurately determined until after another injection has been made. I inoculated the patient yesterday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock I had a good deal of anxiety over the matter, as you may imagine, for I was handling a medicine which was entirely new to me, as it is to the rest of the medical profession. I had received with the lymph the directions of Dr[illegible]ength. use; and I follo with ly. The lymph shall in the back, bene they der blade. The d The tered was some[illegible]he than prescribed, be on strength. When [illegible]e stood that the effe[illegible] lymph upon the huma according to Dr. Koch, 15,000 times greater th on a guiea pig, one ca[illegible]ebted to him [illegible] ine what sort of a medi[illegible]ce and pay hi was I was handling, and, able to favo matter of precaution, [illegible]ure. Pay Bo necessary that I should ced carefully. The inoc tion was made at just 4:20 m. For fifteen minutes the was no effect, and at the end o that time the temperature o the patient began to rise and he began to have a fever. The temperature gradually rose for an hour, and then stopped. It continued without abatement at the figure it reached, and which I do not care to tell, for about three hours and a half, when it began to fall gradually, and as it fell the fever, as a natural consequence, began to abate."

Plano, Tex, Dec. 6.—C. M. Dulin, who left here on Oct. 21 for Floyd county, Tex., for the purpose of buying land, has not been heard of since he left. While here he was in the employ of C. M. Rice, a farmer living one mile and a half east of Plano. His parents, who live in Crofton, Christian county, Ky., are extremely anxious to know his whereabouts, as he has not written to them or to any one here since leaving, and a lot of mail has accumulated in the postoffice here for him. Just before leaving he told the postmaster he would let him know where to forward his mail, but has failed to do so. He is 22 or 23 years old, dark complexion, 5 feet 10 in. in height, slender build, stoop shouldered, has keen dark eyes and black mustache.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Sunday school convention closed its labors here to-day. The delegates are now returning home, after being nicely entertained at the homes of Plano's citizens.

six grains of mo[illegible] induced to try Dr[illegible] Star Blood Syrup a[illegible] bottles I can say I am 65 years old and to-day.—William [illegible] Texas.

R. M.

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### We All Make Them.

Mistakes, slips, errors, blunders—they will creep in, and it only makes matters worse to pretend that you are different from other people, and never get your foot into the wrong boot. But don't be ashamed of it; go right ahead and do the can. A locomotive without any fire will off the track; but that kind of engine you e. If you go at all re liable sometimes to go but be always ready to back again when you it. But there is one cl s istakes that is worth while e afraid of and ashamed of the mistakes of selfishness, eanness and cowardice.—Ex

### Shiloh's Consumption Cure.

This is beyond question the most successful cough medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of cough, croup and bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a cough we earnestly ask you to try it. Price, 10c., 50c., and $1. If your lungs are sore, chest, or lame back, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Bristol Bros.

The M K & T road will sell round trip tickets to St Louis and other points on the 21st instant. Charges will be one fare for the round trip. Also it is given out that a new train will be put on about the 20th inst, leaving here at 7:15 a m. Full particulars will be published next week.

### A Chance to Make Money.

I bought one of Griffith's machines for plating with gold, silver or nickel, and it works to perfection. No sooner did people hear of it than I had more spoons, knives, forks and jewelry than I could plate in a month. The first week I cleared $31.30, the first month $167 85, and I think by July 1 I will have $1,000 cash and give my farm considerable attention, too. My daughter made $27 40 in four days. Any one can get one of these machines by sending $3 to W. H. Griffith & Co., Zanesville, Ohio, or can obtain circulars by addressing them. You can learn to use the machine in one hour. As this is my first in kysneak, I give my experience, hoping others may be benefited as much as I have been. Yours, truly,

M. O. Monnehan

A. Caldwell, a laborer from North Carolina, was run over by a train at Farmersville yesterday and mashed to death.

### Oh, but a Cough!

Will you heed the warning? The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease consumption. Ask yourself if you can afford for the sake of saving 50 cents to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a million bottles were sold the past year. It relieves croup and whooping cough at once. Mothers, do not be without it. For lame back, side or chest use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Bristol Bros.

### A Change.

Dallas Spurlin has sold the City hotel to John H. Orendorff of Melissa. Mr. Orendorff will take charge of the hotel at once and will furnish the public with first-class board and lodging at reasonable rates.

### A Change.

Having rented the photographic department of my gallery to J. E. Bushong, whom I can recommend as a good workman, I will turn my attention principally to the music business, and also copying and enlarging.

Thanking you for past favor and hoping to be remembered in the branches of my business which I will now make a specialty,

I am, respectfully,

G R Wea

It is understood that Capt. T. J. Brown, who has always been counted as opposing the libel law revision, is willing to cast his vote in behalf of the ... amendment which will give the newspaper man the right to introduce in evidence the truth of the printed statement. As this is all that is asked of any one, Capt. Brown will, no doubt, when called upon at this term of the legislature be one of the members found on the side of justice.—Sherman Register.

Something certainly ought to be done to prevent Wall street gambling operations disturbing the entire financial system of the country whenever certain individuals desire it. What that something shall be we leave the statesmen of the country to decide, and if they fail to do it the time will surely come when an outraged people will rise in their might and wipe Wall street out of existence.—Ellis County Mirror.


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CIGARS, TOBACCOS, FLOUR, MEATS, AND IN FACT EVERYTHING IN THE

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LINE, CAN BE PURCHASED CHEAP AT ONE OF THE LEADING GROCERY FIRMS OF NORTH TEXAS, VIZ:

## Shrader & Bryan,

EAST SIDE OF THE SQUARE

McKINNEY, - - - - - - TEXAS.

## LOCAL NOTICES.

Jno Fitzhugh went to Dallas last Monday.

The malarious summer will soon be here. Buy a bottle of Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic and fortify yourself against chills and fever. It is absolutely guaranteed to cure and pleasant to take.

Dr. B. G. Selman of Tyler was in to see us last Tuesday.

Nellie Bly got around the World pretty lively, but Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic will go it at a still better pace. Try a bottle when in need of a remedy for chills.

W. W. Lewis and family of Plano will return to McKinney to make their future home.

The eighth wonder of the world just discovered — Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic It will prove a boon to humanity. It is the same tonic as that heretofore sold under the same name except that it is tasteless. Guaranteed to cure.

John Church made a business visit to Dallas last Monday relative to the contract for building up the Morrow Block.

Many Persons are broken down from over work or household cares. Brown's Iron Bitters Rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile, and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

Mr. Allen Butler of Plano and Miss Mamie Plemons of Howe, Tex, were married at the Jennings hotel, McKinney, last Monday evening at 7 p. m. Squire Andrews performed the ceremony. The happy couple left Tuesday morning for the bridegroom's home at Plano.

Wiseman—Dry Goods.
Wiseman—dress goods.
Wiseman—west Louisiana street; dry goods.

The farmerers have been killing hogs the past week. Mr. Jett killed four fine hogs, one of which netted 440 pounds.

Prof. G. W. Guyer will deliver an alliance lecture at Millwood next Saturday night, Dec. 13. A large audience should greet him as he will will certainly give a good lecture.

There is considerable talk on the street of opening up the north end of Wilcox street. In our judgment this should be done. Not only will it enhance the value of property in the east part of the city, but will prove convenient for the public.

For pain in the stomach, colic and cholera morbus there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

The first day of the month was the first Monday in December. The consolation in this fact is, there will be no more bill collectors flaunting the horrid ghosts in a frightened debtor's face again during the year 1890. Gloria ha la!

Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy, a marvelous cure for catarrh, diphtheria, canker mouth and headache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal injector for the more successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price, 50 cents. Sold by Bristol Bros.

Our esteemed friend, Mr. E W. Kirkpatrick, has been confined mostly to his home for the past week from an injury received while handling some fine hogs he killed. While lifting a hog, he strained his back from the effects of which he has since suffered more or less. We hope soon to learn of his entire recovery

A son of Mr. M. D. Pusser, a merchant of Gibraltar, N. C., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism for a year or more, as to be unable to work or go to school. His father concluded to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm on the boy. It soon cured him and he has since walked one and a half miles to school and back every school day. Fifty-cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

Christmas cometh on apace, and with it much anticipated pleasure for our people.

PRESTON'S HEDAKE CURES ANY HEADACHE "While You Wait," BUT CURES NOTHING ELSE.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

TO ALL THAT WILL CALL.

Come and take advantage of our Great

Clearing Sale.

A saving to every lady and man in search of

Cloaks,

Dress Goods,

Overcoats,

Underwear,

And all kinds of heavy clothing.

We have marked everything way down, and right now is your chance to dress up for the holidays in nice clothing for very little money. Don't buy before looking at

Morris Aron.

### The Churches.

AT BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. Coleman of Plano occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church of McKinney last Sunday morning and preached quite an interesting sermon. Owing to the cold, cloudy day the congregation was not as large as usual. The subject was "Godliness," and the preacher showed the great gain to the person who lived righteously; that even in this world the profit was incomparably greater than an unholy, ungodly life. While the sermon was short it was replete with well explained arguments, in favor of godly living. Mr. Coleman is an earnest man, talented and well versed in Scripture. He did not preach at night as he was called away by telegram. Before closing the services he announced the occasion of the Missionary mass meeting next Friday night at the Baptist church.

AT O. S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The pastor, Rev. Milster of the O. S. P. church, being absent Rev. McFarland occupied the pulpit at that church last Sunday at 11 a. m. The young minister selected for his text the following: Job 39:26-7, "Doth she hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings towards the south? Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?" and Isaiah 40.30-2, "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint." The speaker called attention to the fact that the majority of prison inmates were young men, while the church contained but few comparatively. He left it to his audience to ponder over the significance of the statement. He said that one felt a deep sympathy for the youth who is physically weak, and correspondingly gratified to see the youth strong—in the full bloom of health. That one to "mount upward and onward" should put their trust in God. The sermon was replete with fitting illustrations, showing the wonderful influence of God's love on those who were willing to accept it.

AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Last Sunday night ye reporter wended his way through the darkness to the Christian church where, owing to the inclemency of the weather, a small crowd had gathered. Rev. Pritchett, however, seemed unmindful of the size of his audience for he delivered an unusually good sermon, filled with practical truths well worth the riveted attention which it received by those present. His subject was, "Look not backward" and his text read thus: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Philippians, 3d ch. and 13 v. The speaker reviewed the history of Paul, the author of the text, and showed how that great apostle forgot his past life, or rather refuse to look back and muse over the "might have been." Paul's hope was in the future and bravely he faced its great problems. The speaker called attention to the fact that a great many people in the world whose financial, social or political position had weakened were constantly pointing backward to some achievement as if they expected that alone to bear them on and up, but while they are doing this the world is fast moving by leaving them far in the rear. He thought the secular as well as the religious world would do well to "burn the bridges behind it.," and press forward with true courage, that to day goes for naught, if it does not form a stepping-stone for the morrow; that we should all prepare for the great struggles of the future—to intelligently grasp its great questions. We have not space to present all the points made by the good minister, but will certainly avail ourself of future opportunities to hear him.

Wiseman—hats, boots and shoes.
Wiseman—blankets.

Vases from 20 cents to $2 per pair at the Nickel store.

Sugar Chill Cure is as sweet as sugar; children cry for it; don't fail to try it. A sure cure,

If you want holiday goods, call at the Nickel store

When you want the best coal call on Webb & Porter at Webb-Hynes' old stand.

E. C. Kitchen of Brownwood, Texas, says: "I would not take $1,000 for what Dr. Thurmond' Catarrh Cure did for me."

Try Sugar Chill Cure, sold on a guarantee, the only chill medicine on the market that is perfectly tasteless. Call on your druggist for it.

FOR DYSPEPSIA,
Indigestion, and Stomach disorders, use
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
All dealers keep it, $1 per bottle. Genuine has trade-mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

For any disease arising from impure blood take Dr. Thurmond's Lone Star Blood Syrup, the greatest bloop medicine on earth.

Wiseman—Clothing.
Wiseman—boots and shoes.

If you have stock to feed this bad weather Webb & Porter will sell you feed as cheap as anybody in McKinney.

Why scratch your life away when a little Dimit's Cure will do it applied will cure the worst case of itch ever known. If not it costs you nothing. Price 50 cents.

Wiseman blankets. trunks. hats, hats, hats.

Webb & Porter are bidding for cash trade in coal, stock feed, etc. For cash bargains call on them at Webb-Hyne's old stand.

### For Seven Long Years.

I suffered untold agonies with my left leg which was afflicted with a large ulcer that eat away the flesh, leaving the bone visible, which was attended by the most excruciating pain; so great was the pain that I was forced to take six grains of morphine daily. I was induced to try Dr Thurmond's Lone Star Blood Syrup and after taking nine bottles I can say I am entirely cured, am 65 years old and weigh 177 pounds to-day.—William Curry, Gainesville, Texas.

### R. M. Board

Has been selling dry goods for a long time to the good people of old Collin, but he must have money once a year. He now requests all those who are indebted to him to come up at once and pay him that he may be able to favor them in the future. Pay Board.

### Notice.

Any person knowing themselves indebted to the old firm of Curtsinger & Lewis are requested to settle with T. C. Boone, as all accounts of said firm have been placed in his hands for collection.

### The McKinney Nurseries

Have received a majority of eleven premiums at the state fair, is located in the black waxey and continues at the old stand, shipping the finest trees and plants found between the oceans. We send price list with instructions, free to all, and you will be astonished at our low rates for cash. Come or send direct to us and save one-half the usual price.

E. W. KIRKPATRICK,
McKinney, Tex.

### December

The last month in the year, has come again and with it comes due the accounts of R. M. Board. He respectfully asks his friends and customers whom he has favored the year round to come in and settle up. He needs your assistance now, and will be glad to favor you again.

### Christmas Chimes.

The following marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk Keen since our last report:

J. H. Blankenship and Margaret L. Russell, J. H. Hammons and Mollie E. McKinney, Edward Lee and Mollie Pike, John W, Dowdy and Lucy J. Foster, Geo. F. Smith and Alice A. Cox, Chas. M. Quisenberry and Alma M. Bailiff, J. B. Barnes and Sallie Boggs, A. Cravens and P. E. McNennamy, Evans Berry and Daisy L. Spears. Allen Butler and Mamie Plemmons.

Well, well, Kansas snow was used in McKinney last Tuesday by some little boys in snowballing. It came here on some flat cars which were sidetracked in this city.

Mr. George Smith and Miss Alice Cox were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony at the parsonage of Walnut Grove on the 7th instant. Many friends witnessed the marriage. Mrs. Hunter rendered the wedding march. The DEMOCRAT wishes for the happy couple a

### Preston's "Hed-Ake."

Hon. W. H. Crain, member of Congress from Texas, writes: "It affords me pleasure to add my testimony to that of hundreds who have experienced relief by the use of your wonderful "Hed-Ake." Cures in fifteen minutes. For sale all druggists, 50c.

It is sad for us to chronicle the death of Mrs. Geo. Grave of Melissa which occured a few days ago. She was formerly Miss Reely Vauters and had only been married about a year. The DEMOCRAT extends sympathy to mourning relatives and friends.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO } ss
LUCAS COUNTY. }

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use HALL'S Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

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F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75 cents.

We learn from Prof. Faust that steps will be taken at once to establish a library for the city public schools. This is a commendable enterprise which we hope will receive the proper aid.

### Gratifying to All.

The high position attained and the universal acceptance and approval of the pleasant liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, as the most excellent laxative known, illustrate the value of the qualities on which its success is based and are abundantly gratifying to the California Fig Syrup company

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Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds. Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see them, east side of the square.

### Peach Seed Wanted.

Good sound peach seed, new or old, at one dollar per bushel delivered.

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Why do so many people we see around us seem to prefer to suffer and be made miserable by indigestion, constipation, dizziness, loss of appetite, coming up of the food, yellow skin, when for 75 cents we will sell them Shiloh's Vitalizer, guaranteed to cure them.—Bistol Bros.

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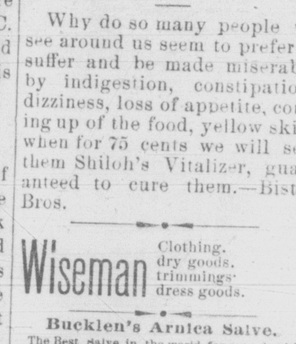
A heartrending accident occurred at the residence of Mr. Joe Bickley of Farmersville on the 3d instant. Robert, one of Mr. Bickley's twin boys, aged six years old, fell into a vat of boiling water that was being used in scalding hogs. Physicians were called but could not rescue the poor little sufferer from a horrible death which occured at five o'clock on the Thursday morning following.

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Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

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### A Call for Money for Indigent Ex-Confederates.

The undersigned having been appointed a committee on ways and means, by the chairman of the executive committee of the ex Confederate Veteran association of Collin county, at its session held on Monday, Dec 1, and desiring to get the work assigned them under headway as early as possible would now respectfully present this call to every ex Confederate soldier in the county, and also to all friends of our charitable undertaking, to provide means to care for needy ex Confederate veterans and their widows in the county. The purposes of the association, as set out in the original articles, adopted at its first meeting, on July 24 of this year, includes that of providing funds to aid in such ex Confederates and their widows in Collin county as might in the future be found to be in indigent circumstances. Our brethren who have lost health and limbs in the service of the "Lost Cause" have no government to pension them and must depend upon the charitable aid of those whose homes and country they defended.

The undersigned, as the committee on ways and means for providing such funds as will be needed to carry out the benevolent schemes of the association, will look confidently to all persons, appointed by them, in different parts of the county, to assist in perfecting so worthy a system of charity to act promptly or to at once notify the committee of their unwillingness or inability, as the case may be, to act. To begin our work the committee have at present decided upon two plans for raising money, which will be followed by others of various kinds as they may be matured by the future deliberations of the committee.

First. We reappoint the following named persons, who were appointed at the meeting of the executive committee on October 6, to solicit funds for the purposes above named, and urge them to act at once and remit their collections to H. C. Herndon at McKinney, to wit: B. H Oats, R. A. McLarry and R. T. Seay, McKinney; John McKinney, Rock Hill; Mat Adams, Lebanon; P. H. Bateman and Dick Harpole, Melissa; H. M. Rollins, Farmersville, Jim Scott, Wiley; George Bowman, Plano; T. M. Boon, Allen, Lilbum Mouldon, Decatur; G. J. Davie, Nevada; J. S. Montgomery, Millwood, T. J. New, Celina; Mack Smith, Rhea's Mill; J. S. Helms, Weston; Wm. Moyers, Blue Ridge; Jot Woodall, Verona; George Lawhorn, Gray Bill; Johns Dysart, Anna; Col. W. P. Bishop, Frankford, and John Y. Bowen, Copeville. Each one of the above named gentlemen who has not already done so, is urgently requested to raise such voluntary contributions as can be obtained in his community, at once, or inform the committee that he will not act. We must have a respectable sum of money in the hands of the treasurer before we can begin the work of providing for the needy.

Second. The committee are maturing arrangements by which they will sell the life of President Davis, Cannon Farrar's Life of Christ and other popular subscription books throughout the county, all commissions on such sales to go to the fund being raised. Our plans for doing this will be put into execution at an early day, and we would now respectfully request all persons desiring to purchase such books to wait until we can have them called on. We will soon place before the public our advertisement showing how the sales will be made, the cost of the books and the amount paid by each purchaser that goes to the charitable purposes herein designated, etc.

We hope through these and other such methods, as may suggest themselves, to be able at an early day, to raise a respectable sum of money with which to begin the permanent work of relieving the distress of our indigent Confederate brethren. Let us remember that the numbers of those needing such help will increase very fast in coming years, and that we must begin now to provide these appeals to our generosity and charity.

Trusting that the people throughout the county will take an active interest in this important enterprise, we are, most truly, etc.,

H. C. MACK,
W. R. POWELL,
F. M. HILL,
Committee.

### Happy Hoosiers.

Wm. Timmons, postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicine combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town says: Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c, a bottle, at E. N. McAuley's drug store.

Last Monday while a Mr. Chambers and another man was trying to trade horses a third man came up and said that Chamber's horse was blind. This enraged Chambers to such a degree that he knocked the intruder down. Chambers was arrested and taken before the city recorder where another melee took place. The result was the usual replenishing of the city treasury.

### Preston's "Hed-Ake"

Judge J. H. McLeary, ex-Att'y Gen'l of Texas and Past Grand Master of Masons, says: "It (Hed-Ake) is the best medicine for headache I ever saw." Cures any headache. For sale all druggists, 50c.

### Attention.

All parties inbebted to R. C. Knott are earnestly requested to call at once and settle the same as he is desirous to settle up all accounts by Jan. 1 1891.

E. D. McCoy, an old Collin county citizen who lived about seven miles southwest of McKinney died from the effects of a cancer yesterday,

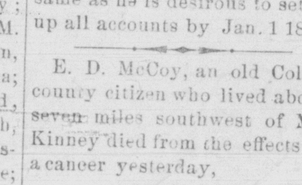
### From Upper Rowlett.

November 7, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

Though to-day has been the coldest day we have had this fall, many were made to enjoy themselves immediately after preaching at the above-named church. Mr. Charley Quisenberry and Miss Alma M. Bailiff were united in marriage by Rev. J. C. Morgan. The attendants were Mr. William Moore and Miss May Herndon, Mr. John Cruse and Miss Eliza Carter. Many of their relatives and friends were invited to partake of the good eatables prepared by the bride's parents, which all seemed to enjoy very much. We wish them a long and happy life.

A FREE THINKER.

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DR. HAINES' GOLDEN SPECIFIC.

It can be given in a cup of tea or coffee without the knowledge of the person taking it, effecting a speedy and permanent cure, whether the patient is a moderate drinker or an alcoholic wreck. Thousands of drunkards have been cured who have taken the Golden Specific in their coffee without their knowledge, and to-day believe they quit drinking of their own free will. No harmful effect results from its administration. Cures guaranteed. Send for circular and full particulars. Address in confidence, GOLDEN SPECIFIC Co., 185 Race street, Cincinnati O

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W. H. McClain, St. Louis, Mo.

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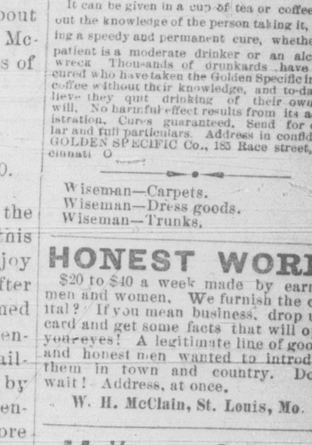
R. K. MOSELEY,
President.

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TRADE THE GENTLEMAN'S FRIEND. MARK

Our Perfection Syringe free with every bottle. Does not stain. Prevents stricture. Cure gomorrhea and gleet in 1 to 4 days. Ask druggists for it. Sent to any address for ONE DOLLAR.

### Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggerted Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking ten bottles, found herself sound and well, now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottle of this Great Discovery at E. N. McAuley's drug store, large bottles 50c, and $1.00.

One man buying up railroads by the dozen, and a million men out of employment and begging for bread. The wonder is not that there are a few anarchists in this country, but that there are not millions of them. —Topeka Republican.

The laws of health are taught in the schools; but not in a way to be of much practical benefit and are never illustrated by living examples, which in many cases might easily be done. If some scholar, who had just contracted a cold, was brought before the school, so that all could hear the dry, loud cough and know its significance; see the thin white coating on the tongue and later as the cold developed see the profuse watery expectoration and thin watery discharge from the nose, not one of them would ever forget what the first symptoms of a cold were. The scholar should then be given Chamberlain's cough remedy freely, that all might see that even a severe cold could be cured in one or two days, or at least greatly mitigated, when properly treated as soon as the first symptoms appear. This remedy is famous for its cures of coughs, cold and croup. It is made especially for these diseases and is the most prompt and most reliable medicine known for the purpose. 50c, bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

## THE LAKE DWELLERS.

### AFRICANS WHO BUILD THEIR HUTS ON PILES.

**How the People of the Gulf of Guinea Contrived to Evade the Terrible Raids of the King of Dahomey—Thousands of Them.**

Much attention was recently called to the region around Kotonou, on the Gulf of Guinea, near which place several hundred of women warriors of the king of Dahomey were killed in battle by the French troops. One of the most interesting features of this region is the large native villages and towns that have been built in the water. The inhabitants many years ago took this means of trying to escape from the terrible raids from the king of Dahomey. Many hundreds of people were actually driven by the powerful king into the water. It happens that the Dahomians are very superstitious about travelling in canoes or crossing streams, and the fugitives took advantage of this fact to secure protection for themselves.

On any good map one may see the "Denham waters" near Kotonou. This is the home of those lake dwellers. The towns have each a population of from 200 to 300 souls to as many thousands. Physically the people are fine and healthy specimens of Africans, and as a rule they are free from disease. Gov. Moloney of Lagos says the houses are built on piles or straight branches of hard wood three to six inches in diameter. They are driven into the bottom of the lake. The upper ends are secured by cross pieces, on which are laid a bamboo flooring, two-thirds or one-half of which is covered in by a house. The uprights of the house are fixed first and are secured below the platform to the supporting piles. The roof frame is next made on the platform, and is covered with grass or bamboo leaves, and raised to its position. The remaining portion of flooring is used as a veranda. In the construction no nails are used.

These natives are fishermen and also a pastoral people. It is a curious fact that they keep cattle in pens adjoining their houses built on piles over the water like their dwellings. Sometimes during the dry season the shallowness of the water admits of the cattle being allowed to wander on terra firma; but fodder is brought in canoes to many less fortunate animals which are compelled to eke out their existence in these pens surrounded by water until such time as they are tethered and transported by canoe to the butcher.

The present natives are still in dread of the Dahomians, but even if this fear no longer existed it is probable that the habit which they and their fathers before them have long followed would lead them to prefer these aquatic residences. It is not known how many lake dwellers there are, but it is supposed there are at least 10,000 of them among the various tribes whose huts cover the Denham waters. Once in a while these tribes make war on one another, and they conduct their fighting in canoes, capable of holding two or three persons, and their weapons are guns, harpoons, spears, and clubs.

In some other parts of Africa, particularly in the Congo basin, the habit of dwelling in huts sustained on piles in lakes or rivers is very largely followed, and perhaps a million or two of the people of Africa are still perpetuating the phase of life of which we have relics in the remains of the lake dwellers of the prehistoric era.

## A BIRDLESS COUNTRY.

**How the Mongoose Depopulated Jamaica of Songsters.**

A writer in a recent number of Blackwood's Magazine, in an article on the Island of Jamaica, notes the almost total absence there of bird life, where formerly it resided in profusion. Two causes are assigned for this depletion: the first due to the demand for feathered ornaments for the clothing of women, and the second, so far as ground-resting birds are concerned, to the introduction of the mongoose from the East Indies. Formerly Jamaica was so scourged with rats as to seriously decrease the crop of sugar cane. The mongoose made short work of these rodents; but when this supply was exhausted, it turned its attention to the lizards and snakes (which in Jamaica are always harmless), the eggs of quail, a bird formerly most abundant, and all other ground-laying sorts, or any of the feathered species which came within its reach. Poultry were devastated, the sole exception being the guinea fowl, the hardness of the shell of its eggs defying the teeth of the mongoose. These insects now infest the vegetation of the entire island, except that found on the higher altitudes. These pests hang in swarms on the blades of grass and every green thing. Human beings exhaust their energy in freeing themselves from them, while many cattle fall victims to their attacks.

## MARK TWAIN'S CHAMOIS.

**It Breeds Dissension in the New Zealand House of Commons.**

Not even in the wildest flights of his imagination could Mark Twain have ever dreamed that the portion of his "Tramp in Europe" devoted to the discussion of the insect which he so amusingly describes as a chamois would one day be read aloud in a legislative assembly and become the subject of a parliamentary debate. And yet this is precisely what has just occurred in New Zealand. The government of the colony is anxious to acclimatize the chamois, and in order to execute this laudable object asked parliament for a vote of £250. When the vote came up for discussion, an honorable member named Kerr rose in righteous indignation and demanded further information. "I should like to hear from the government exactly what these 'shammies' are. I am told that they are a cross between a pig and a sheep, and they breed scab." "There is a book about them in the library," politely replied a member on the other side of the house. "I'll go and fetch it for you." Mr. Kerr, touched by this act of courtesy, graciously received the volume and began reading out, in a pompous voice, the passage pointed out to him—a famous passage from one of the works of the eminent naturalist, Samuel Clemens, better known to many of his readers as Mark Twain. As the reading proceeded the house quickly realized the joke. Not so Mr. Kerr. When he came to the statement that the chamois is so clever than a

glaring at the house, now roaring with laughter, fiercely asked: "What do we want with animals like that in New Zealand? Why, they would be worse than rabbits!"

### Colt's Mull.

Since ever the world was founded
Water, earth and air
A music of divers meaning
Has flowed from the hand of God.
In valley, and gorge and mountain
On stormy ocean and lea
He makes him a song of power
He sweeps the chords with might.
He puts forth his hand to the treble
And lightly touches the keys
He speaks and the waters whisper
Now in a chorus of thunder
Now in cadence low.
He touches the waving harmonies
He plays on the woodland streams
A tender song like a mother
Sings to her child in dreams.
But the music dinnest and deepest,
Since ever the years began,
Is the manifold passionate music
He draws from the heart of man!

### A Souvenir.

Golden ringlets can awaken
My dead heart from its despair,
And my soul from grief is taken
By this strand of sunny hair.
Why does sadness so surround it
As it meets my startled eye?
'Tis because I have just found it
In the huckleberry pie.

### Always Fresh.

Mary had a little lamb,
But she was not a glutton.
And as she never slew the beast,
She always had fresh mutton.

## AUSTRALIA'S PROGRESS.

**Leading the World on Important Matters of Economy, Etc.**

Australia is making good its claim to be considered the most progressive country in the world. We are indebted to it for the best means yet devised to assure the purity of the ballot-box, and in other directions also it has made advances we would do well to consider. It now seems probable that in Australia will be first worked out to a practical demonstration the respective merits of free trade and protection and the possibility and practicability of state control of the highways of travel and communication. Even to the matter of land transfer this youngest and most progressive of people have made startling innovations, and in view of what Australia has accomplished toward simplification in this direction, it is scarcely too much to predict our own system of conveyancing may yet be superseded, much as the old English system of pleading, as expounded in Chitty, has been displaced by the more simple and direct system in American courts.

The present system of land transfer in Australia has been on trial for over a quarter of a century in South Australia and New South Wales, and has been adopted in eight other British colonies, including British Columbia, our northwestern neighbor. It is at once simple, direct and inexpensive, involving no long examinations, no attracts, disputes over titles, and the innumerable perplexities with which the system of land transfer is encumbered in most of the states of the United States. The thousands of musty and dusty volumes of records and registries and the consequent liability to fraud are readily avoided by the Australian system, which, if a registration of titles and not of deeds. The owner having once proved his title satisfactorily is given a certificate to the effect that he is seized in fee of that parcel of land, and the certificate is conclusive evidence of that fact in any court of law. When the property is sold the owner executes a transfer to the registrar general, and he then issues another certificate to the purchaser. On the certificates mortgages may be laid in a few minutes at but a trifling expense, and realty passes as readily from hand to hand as personal property. Possibly the greatest objection to this system of transfer lies in the very readiness and easiness with which property may change owners, rendering it exceedingly difficult for business men to keep posted as to each other's standing. This, however, is but a slight offset to the undoubted gain in simplicity and saving charges for conveyancing.

## HIS FIRST VISIT TO TOWN.

**Abner Dungrass Strictly Obeys Instructions, but Makes a Bad Blunder.**

Abner Dungrass, from away up beyond the White mountains, had penetrated to the Hub. It was Abner's first visit to the city—in fact, his first trip away from home, says the New York Ledger.

A relative, having business in the metropolis, had spent the previous summer with Abner's parents, and in return for many kindnesses had invited his friends to the country for a visit him in his city home.

And thus Abner chanced to be in Boston, and was now dining at a hotel with his host.

At first our countryman hardly knew what to do with himself at the wondrously laden table. His relative, observing his hesitation, whispered to him:

"Don't be backward, Abner, help yourself to just what you like."

By and by a gentleman sitting opposite ordered a waiter to bring him a plate of ice cream.

The cream was brought and the gentleman set it down before him while he finished a dish of scallops. Abner looked up and saw the delicate-looking mass in the plate not far away. It was tempting, and he reached forth and took it. He had put a spoonful of the frozen mixture into his mouth, and was hesitating between surprise and delight, when the gentleman opposite rather abruptly and not very pleasantly spoke:

"Well, my friend, that's what I should call decidedly cool."

"Yaas," responded Abner, innocently, when he had swallowed the frigid morsel. "It's about the coldest puddin' I ever tasted. I swan few mealsI don't believe it's really freezed with frost!"

### The Question of Superiority.

It is said that a woman can pick up a hotter stove plate, notwithstanding her delicate hand, than a man can. This may be, but we think too much stress is laid upon such a trifling fact for she certainly can't drop it any quicker.

### A Good Man, But—

New Spirit—Was that a very bad man you just turned away?

St. Peter—No; his record is good enough, but he's been the head man in a small town all his life and I know

## FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

### AN HOUR WITH THE BEST AUTHORITIES.

**Fairer Outlook for Small Stockraisers—Clipping the Combs of Poultry—Yule Good Care of the Farm Machinery—Cure of Shiftlessness—The Hoard.**

### Our Beef Production.

Having shown the drift of the cattle industry the past decade, and exhibited some periods of astonishing growth, writes Mr. Cuthbert Powell, I shall now look into the future and see if we can read what is ahead of us in this most important branch of industry. In the west many, indeed I may say most, of the big herds have been dispersed or greatly reduced, the ranges cut down more than one-half within the past ten years and the small cattle holdings increased—steers 61 per cent and cows 38 per cent. The cost of production is now estimated by our best informed ranchmen at 50 per cent greater than ten years ago, and the danger of mortality by more crowded ranges is greatly increased. It used to be estimated that it took ten acres of range to support a steer through the year, and anything less than this makes the grazing of cattle on the open range the year round risky. Unfortunately we have no means of obtaining the number of acres to each head of cattle now in the range country. But that it has been greatly reduced the past few years by the rapid increase in the number of farms and astonishing swelling of cattle holdings throughout the range country can be clearly shown. In Kansas, according to the government reports, the ratio of grazing lands to the number of cattle has been reduced 50 per cent, in Colorado two-thirds, in Texas one-half and Mexico nine-tenths. The range is therefore being crowded on all sides, and a herd of cattle on a western prairie is no longer a goose for laying golden eggs.

### Clipping Combs and Wattles.

All fowls that have tall, single combs like the Leghorns and Hamburgs should have them removed for it is next to impossible to keep a large flock of single combed fowls through a severe winter without some of them freezing their combs, and a hen will lose a lot of eggs. To remove the combs one should hold the fowl and snip off with a pair of sharp shears. Or remove the combs from the hens close to the head and both combs and wattles from the males. It does not seem to hurt them if done quickly and a little lard put on. They heal over in a few days, but care must be taken not to clip any more at one time than you have room to shut them in, one in a place, for they will peck at each other's combs and if they get a taste of blood they will keep it up until they kill each other, but if shut up by themselves for a few days no harm will come of the operation. They should not be clipped until the fowls are nearly a year old, or until their combs have obtained their growth. If clipped too soon they will not heal quickly. Chickens hatched the first of March will do to clip the first of November.

### Grain Drills.

No kind of farm implement is more grossly abused or suffers worse from such abuse than drills for depositing seed grain. As soon as any of the delicate machinery for distributing seed becomes rusted it works poorly and the drill is fated no better than those having far inferior attachments. Still greater evil is caused. They must be not only sheltered, but every particle of the fertilizer be cleaned out or it will surely cause rust. All commercial fertilizers are made soluble by sulphuric acid, and although the bone dust up and neutralizes part of this, it cannot do so for the whole. Phosphate standing in sacks quickly eats holes in them, and in contact with any metal it certainly produces rust, which prevents easy working of the machine. More grain drills rust out than wear out. They are used only a few days in a season, and if housed and cared for as first other times ought to be, all would last for many years.

### Perennials in Horses.

Many of our best horses are dogged by lying affections due to carelessness of the owners. A little exposure in the wrong time may prove fatal, even with the best medical care. Low, drives when the horse is a little out of condition makes its system ill-prepared to resist the attack of disease. The strong energies at such times are exhausted, and the blood loses its vital power to contract properly upon the large amount of blood. Internal congestion follows, the blood vessels of the lungs become enlarged, and if some remedy is not given at once inflammation may set in and pneumonia carry the animal away. A nervous horse should never be overstrained in this way, and when in such a condition it is almost always fatal to place the animal in a cold, damp or poorly ventilated stable.

### Uniformity in Milking.

As much regularity as possible should be preserved in milking a cow, both as to time and in having the job done always by the same person. Each milker has a somewhat different way of handling the teat, and any difference is sure to be noticed by the cow, and affect her quietude and the amount of milk she will give. Some very nervous cows, and these are often the best, hold up their milk when a stranger does the milking. This milk remaining in the udder is absorbed, and the consequence is that the cow goes dry sooner than she otherwise would.

### Wintering Hogs Cheaply.

There is no use in trying to economize in the feed of hogs during winter. The man who only cares to get them through alive wastes all he feeds, and has only stunted pigs instead of the thrifty ones he put up in the fall. Breeding animals of any kind should not be fed heavily, especially on corn, but even breeding sows should be kept thrifty, and if they are young they will probably grow in weight enough to pay for their keep, besides their litter of pigs in the spring.

### Signs of Shiftlessness.

A shiftless farmer is one who is wont to impute to Fate the accumulated causes for his being "a poor man." You certainly have seen him, and heard him too. For he is a frequenter of the village street corners and with which he will expatiate upon the outrages "the poor man" receives from all men who enjoy a competence would draw out your sympathy if you did not know more about him. Why is he not home at work? Aye, there's the rub! For as soon as he has ceased to bewail the fact that the "poor man" has no chance, very likely he will indulge in a flippant allusion to some farmer who has had the common sense to pay the price for success and is already enjoying it. The shiftless farmer is downright sure that he will not make a slave of himself, not he, like old man A does; nor would he work as hard as that young B is doing. Guess he will enjoy life while he can; at any rate he cannot see how anyone could have any peace of mind if he were as stingy as old C. This shiftless farmer has a neglected farm unless possibly he has some wide-awake boys or an indomitable wife.

### Cutting Seed Potatoes.

While the experiments with whole or cut tubers, large or small tubers, etc., for seed, are somewhat conflicting, there is a considerable preponderance of evidence that the larger the amount of tuber retained in each piece the larger the yield, large, whole potatoes giving a greater yield than when cut, and the yield decreasing as the size of the piece is diminished; and that earliness is retarded and vigor is diminished as the size of the piece used for seed is decreased. Neither whole tubers nor one-eye cuttings are best. The medium—a piece of a moderately large tuber, containing two or three eyes—gives the best results.

### Poultry Raising.

It is not right to encourage a novice to risk his time and money at something he does not understand, and this article is intended not to encourage or discourage beginners, but to set them right at the start. There is money at poultry keeping, but it is in the man as much as in the fowls. A mistake may cause loss. Lice may drive one clear out of the field. The roup may come along like a cyclone and sweep everything away. But the man who begins at the bottom round of the ladder, observes all that transpires, tries to learn, and is not afraid of work, will sooner or later surely reach the top.—Rural Home.

### Hints For the Housewife.

When the hands are stained, use salt and lemon juice; this will take off stains and render the hands soft and white.

Keep silver and nickel ornaments and mounts bright by rubbing with woolen cloths saturated in spirits of ammonia.

Don't forget, if you are a tall woman, to have your work-table and ironing-board a few inches higher than they are usually made. This little precaution will prevent many a backache.

When a stove is cracked a cement may be made of wood ashes and salt, in equal proportions mixed to a paste with cold water. Fill the cracks with this when the stove is cool, and it will soon harden.

In washing clothes both the dirt from without and the soiling from the body need to be removed. This last is largely accomplished by the oxidizing influences of the air, and hence atmosphere drying is better than artificial heat-drying.

The most desirable party bag is a large one made of old fashioned looking brocade. It should be of sufficient size to hold a pair of slippers, a fan, and the numerous little belongings that are usually needed during the evening, which one cannot take in her pocket even if one wanted to.

The most exquisite embroidery is that which comes from Fayal in the Azore Islands. It is done on a fine quality of shirting linen. After the requisite number of threads are drawn, the remaining are woven by the needlewoman into a square-meshed ground, on which the pattern of leaf, flower or vine is skillfully and daintily darned. Fayal work is used to border pillow-shams, buffet-covers, little finger-bowl doylies and other pieces.

### Hunters.

A cricket fed on an insect
Too small for eye to see,
A field mouse captured the cricket
And hushed his minstrelsy.

A gray shrike pounced on the field mouse
And hung him on a thorn,
And a hawk came down on the cruel shrike
From over the waving corn.

And a fox sprang out on the red-tailed hawk
From under a fallen tree,
For bird and beast, by flood and field,
Of every decree

Prey one upon the other,
'Twas thus ordained to be;
My rifle laid old reynard low,
And Death—Death looked at me.
—Ernest McGaffey.

### A Summer Deceit.

Oh he (so he said) was a millionaire,
And she was a banker's daughter.
At least she said she was, as she strolled
On the sandy beach by the water.

They talked of the wealth that each one had,
And the future seemed much brighter—
And then he returned to his job as a clerk,
And she to her old typewriter.

### Miss Hugher's Embarrassment.

A young lady tells, not without blushes, this good story on herself. Her name is Huger, a French name, pronounced U-zhee. Recently she was traveling and a telegram was sent her to be handed to her on the train at a certain station. She expected it, and when the messenger boy entered the car she rose to meet him. Before she reached him he began waving the dispatch in the air and shouting: "Miss Hug-her—say, is Miss Hug-her in this car? Here's a dispatch for Miss Hugher." The passengers began to laugh; she sank into a seat overwhelmed with confusion. She dared not take the telegram in the presence of the mirth the name had provoked, and it was not until the boy had left the car and entered another that she could muster sufficient courage to request a kind old gentleman to procure it for her.—Cape Cod Item.

### Her Mistake.

"How do you tell when there is any gold in this funny-looking stone?" asked the dear girl who was being shown around the mint by an official.

"Why, we smelt it," he replied. Holding it to her pretty little nose, she remarked very innocently: "Why, I smelt it, too, but I don't see anything about it to—Why, what are you laughing at?"—Boston Traveler.

## TAMING A FLOCK OF QUAILS.

**Buckwheat and Gradual Advances Conquer the Wildness of the Birds.**

Several weeks ago Mrs. D. N. Snyder of Jefferson township saw a lot of quails dusting themselves under some currant bushes in the back end of her garden, says the Scranton, Pa., correspondent of the N. Y. *Sun*. The birds looked so happy and contented that she thought it would be too bad to disturb them, so she returned to the house without pulling the weeds out of a patch of onions that she had gone there for the purpose of doing. In an hour or so the quails had disappeared in the tall timothy of the adjoining meadow, and Mrs. Snyder scattered some buckwheat around where they had been wallowing. On the following day the birds came there again, gobbled up the buckwheat, and had a good time. Every day for a week or so Mrs. Snyder scattered grain among the bushes for the quails to feed on, and the birds soon got so that they looked for food in the garden as regularly as they did for a resting place at night out in the woods, back of the big meadow lot.

One morning the kind-hearted woman forgot to throw the buckwheat, but the quails reminded her of her negligence by appearing at the usual hour and making a great fuss and noise because there wasn't any grain in the garden or them to pick up. Mrs. Snyder let the birds hunt for other kinds of food that day, and for several mornings after that she didn't fail to give them a good feed of buckwheat. Then she missed a morning on purpose to see how the quails would act when they didn't find any grain near the currant bushes, watching from a second-story window for them to make their appearance.

Promptly on time the whole flock crept under the garden fence from the meadow, ran among the bushes, and began to dodge and flutter about where they had been in the habit of finding the buckwheat. When they had searched long enough to learn that no grain had been put there for them the birds piped in low tones, fluttered unasily, scattered into the vegetable beds, and appeared to be very much disappointed. In a little while the quails gave up the search, assembled under the currant bushes, and went to dusting themselves in the soil. Mrs. Snyder counted fourteen in the flock, and then she went downstairs, got a basinful of buckwheat, and tiptoed her way into the garden. When she had got as near to the quails as she could without scaring them Mrs. Snyder flung a handful of buckwheat toward the quiet little flock. It fell among them and they all scampered under the fence and went out of sight in a hurry. Then she threw some more of the grain on the ground where they had been and scented herself behind a row of peavines. Presently one of the birds ventured to crawl under the fence into the garden. It soon found the buckwheat and set to filling its crop, and at this the other birds took courage, filed from their hiding places, and went to picking up the grain as though each was determined to get its share.

From her place of concealment Mrs. Snyder flung a handful of buckwheat into the air so that it fell into the midst of the flock. It scared the birds a little, but they quickly resumed their feeding, and Mrs. Snyder began to whistle to them, flinging more grain into the air as she whistled. That excited their curiosity just enough to make them look up for a moment, and Mrs. Snyder emptied the basin and stole away without letting the birds see her. She fed the quails in this way for a few days, gradually got them used to her whistle and voice, and let them get sight of her by degrees. Inside of a month from the time she first saw the birds in the garden she had them so well tamed that they fluttered out of the meadow whenever she called them, ate in her presence, and did not seem to fear her at all. Since then Mrs. Snyder has taken a good deal of comfort with her strange little flock, and she said the other day that the confidence the birds have in her pays her many times over for all the trouble she has made herself in getting the wild little creatures to be as tame as they are.

### How He Worked the Innocents.

The experienced train boy was apparently giving instructions to a youth whom he was breaking in as an assistant.

In the seat directly in front of the two sat Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Kerpunk, of Georgeson's Cross Roads. It was their first trip away from home.

"You can generally tell by their looks," said the peanut boy, peculiarly, "whether it's goin' to pay to try to come any little game over 'em or not. See that chap half way between here an' the other end of the car? Well, you could sell that man a dime novel for a dollar and a half and rope him in on the dollar-in-the-box trick just as easy as look at him. You'd be wastin' your time, though, to try and play any tricks on such people as these two in front of us. They're old travelers. No use to show them anything but what's bang up genuine an' cheap. If you've got anything that's fresh an' with the money them folks is the kind of customers to take 'em to the first thing. Saide goods won't go down with such customers as them. I tell you. Well, I must work the train now. Remember what I've told you.

"That boy is a mighty good judge of human nature, Jose, isn't he?" said Harrison to his wife, after the experienced peanut boy had gone into the forward car to get his basket. "He thought he wasn't talking loud enough for us to hear, but I've got pretty sharp ears. I heard every blamed word he said. Well, it's a fact, Jose," he added, "it wouldn't be much use to try any of his little tricks on me. I've got my eye teeth all cut. Here he comes. If he's got anything worth buying he'll come straight to us. You see if he doesn't."

And before the peanut boy was done with Mr. Harrison Kerpunk he had sold him half a dozen prize packages, five boxes of last year's maple caramels, a dozen sour oranges, three 25-cent books for half a dollar each, unloaded his entire stock of moldy figs on him and cleaned him out of a $2 bill on an innocent little trick with a pill-box and a gold coin.

"Jose," said Harrison, after he had sat looking out of the car window for about five miles, "durned if I don't begin to think he said all that to the other boy on purpose for me to hear it!"

### A Kestrel and Rat.

I see in your book on "British Birds" you state that the kestrel is easily tamed. Our bird was taken from a nest last year and put into a cage out of doors, for a few days only, and fledged. He was then turned out and flew across the park into the woods and was seen no more for some days, when he returned, found his way into the house, and has never voluntarily left it since. We often turn him out and see him a mile or more from the house, but soon after find him searching for an open window by which he may reach the dining-room, where he lives by preference, perching on a picture-frame, but always coming on my husband's arm when called, even through the glare of lamps and candles. He invariably twitters a sort of soft song when we speak to him. He is a grand bird, perfect in plumage.

I have a white rat, who lives as all our pets do, entirely loose in the house or garden, perfectly free to leave us if they choose. The rat was given to me as old and worthless two years ago, then quite wild. He gradually became extremely tame, and, during a severe illness I had last year, he took it into his head to sit on my pillow to guard me. Ever since then he has continued to sleep there; he runs up-stairs with me, and follows me to bed, sleeping always on the bolster or pillow by my head. He is very plucky and defended himself during one whole night when he was shut up accidentally in the same room with a large and savage cat. He was found sitting up, with teeth and claws ready, and was perfectly overjoyed when his human friends took him up. Though six months have elapsed, nothing will induce him to enter that room again. Our dogs are perfect friends with him. He uses his left paw always when drinking, "ladling" the water up to his mouth, even from the bottom of a tumbler, and is quite "left-handed."—*London Spectator*.

## WHEN YOU KNOW HOW.

**It Is Right to Face Backward When Jumping Off a Car.**

Woman, lovely woman, is about to be rehabilitated in the estimation of the world in an important matter, says the Washington *Post*. Ever sine railroads have been built, ever since street-cars have rolled through busy streets, the cartoonist, the paragrapher, the wits of the fireside, the end-man in minstrels shows, and the clown in the circus have been depicting her as defying the laws of motion and gravitation in getting off a moving car.

Paroxysms of laughter have been evoked at descriptions of her manner of grasping the rear rail, facing backward, and stepping to the ground with her face to the past and her back to the future.

The funny man has never ceased to gloat as he recounted the number of revolutions lovely woman completes before she recovers from the effects of her attempt at resuming her footing on solid earth from the fleeting car.

And man has always, in the proud consciousness of knowing just how it ought to be done, faced front, swung ahead, dropped off, and run for two blocks before he could check his momentum.

Then he fans himself with his hat and spends ten minutes in a saloon drinking beer and congratulating himself on the time he has saved by dropping off the car while it is in motion instead of having the conductor stop to let him off.

Yet he is wrong, and the women have been right in theory at least, though, bless 'em, they couldn't put it in practice for lots of reasons. The patrons of the cable cars knows how the thing is done.

The next time you ride on Seventh street just notice how a conductor gets from the grip-car to the rear of the open car. He don't walk back and he doesn't swing off like the ordinary run of masculine mortals.

He swings out on the foot guard with his face to the rear. Grasping the brass rod with the hand next the car he throws his body out and forward toward the rear of the train and lets go.

He lands lightly on the ball of his off foot. The momentum of the car throws him back, and he recovers gracefully on the near foot, which swings back to afford the needed support. Then when the rear car gets along he swings on again.

It is very easy when you know how, but don't try it until you are dead sure you can do it.

### Harvesting Opium.

Mr. Hosie, the British Consul at Wenchow, in his last report, contrasting the methods of harvesting the poppy prevailing in Western and Eastern China, says that if the cultivators of the poppy in the East were as skilled in the art of collecting the juice as their countrymen in Western China it is all but certain that the foreign import would be very small indeed. In Western China the capsules are sacrificed by means of a parallel row of knive points projecting from one of the ends of a short wooden handle. The incisions, which are exceedingly fine, are made in the evening, and the juice, exuding slowly, is harvested in the morning before sunrise. There is no waste. In the eastern provinces, on the other hand, an instrument resembling a small carpenter's plane is employed. The operator passes the plane over the capsule, leaving the shaving of the skin attached to its lower end. The juice immediately exudes from the capsule, and although the collector follows closely on the heels of the operator it flows so fast that much of it drops on the leaves of the stem and is lost. As an example of the manner in which native, as compared with Indian, opium is consumed in his district, Mr. Hosie mentions that a refuge for the cure of opium smokers was opened by a missionary in the city of Wenchow during the past year, and that out of many scores of applicants for admission only one smoker of Indian opium presented himself, and he has ascertained from parties well qualified to judge that not more than 5 per cent of smokers consume the foreign drug. With a view to insure the full payment of *likin* or inland transit dues on native opium, regulations were, with the sanction of the high provincial authorities, promulgated previous to the harvesting of last year's crop by the *likin* officers. They enjoined intending purchasers, before proceeding to the country districts, to report at the offices the quantities they proposed to purchase, and to take out passes which, with the opium, had to be presented at the stations for examination. Opium not covered by passes was to be confiscated, and the carriers punished. But, owing to the ease with which the drug can be concealed and smuggled, the regulations have not been generally respected—*Leeds Mercury*.

### Joan of Arc.

M. Mayuard, the editor of the Paris *Figaro*, vigorously protests against the way in which "Joan of Arc" is just now being exploded. "There are," he observes, "few figures in history so glorious and touching as that of the Maid of Orleans. Hence, I think, it is high time to say that an abuse is being made of her, that she is being transformed into an instrument of publicity, and made the victim of the same luxury of advertisement as that bestowed on the last quack medicine. All this is deplorable. Two bishops are getting up costly and unnecessary monuments of her; statues of her are being raised everywhere; pilgrimages to her birthplace are being organized, and her whole life and career form the groundwork of plays and pantomimes. One would almost imagine that France had forgotten all about her, or that she did not exist before the year 1890. Let us leave her alone with that halo of tender respect which has never been denied her and not compromise her glorious deeds by puffing and exaggeration."

Cholly Fashun (to Custom-House officer)—"Now that you have discovered those English clothes in my trunk and examined them I should like to know how in time you found I was trying to smuggle them. How did you know they were in my trunk?" Custom-House Officer—"They are so very loud that I heard them throbbing inside the trunk."—*Lawrence American*.

## HE WOULD CALL AGAIN.

**An Old Gentleman Is Greatly Entertained and Instructed by a Museum Lecturer.**

The several signs at the door announced a grand exhibition of snakes, a tattooed woman, wax figures representing the twelve disciples and the last supper, with rare animals, etc. As a New York Star reporter entered the place the lecturer was all ready to begin. He said: "Ladies and gentlemen, this woman was tabooed by the savages of Borneo. Some call it tattooed and some tabooed, but it all means the same thing. Next to her is a gorilla from Africa. The gorilla is noted for sucking the blood of people when asleep. I don't know whether it's when the gorilla or the people are asleep, and odds is the difference to you.

"This, good people," he continued, passing to the next cage, "is the celebrated buoy constructer, from South America. This reptile is able to crush an ox in his folds. On the left of him is the raccoon, so called from its gait, which is that of a rocking horse. Next beyond is a beaver, which secures its name from Beaver Falls, Wis. That animal on the right is called a porkupine, so named from its love of pork, and that one on the left is an opposum. The last named creature gets his name from the Grecian word op, the Latin word pos, and the Hebrew word sum."

He then posed before the wax figures, and went on:

"This disciple is John, that one Hercules, that one Mark, that one Cicero, and so on; all good men except Judas Scarrot. Each figure is an exact reproduction of the celebrated painting by Nero, and virtue is its own reward."

"An old gentleman with spectacles hung in our rear as we went out, and said to the lecturer:

"Aren't you mistaken about Hercules?"

"No, sir."

"Sure you ain't?"

"Look a-here, old man!" exclaimed the lecturer, as he squared off. "I've been in the show business for twenty odd years, and if you think you know the ropes better than I do you can take command."

"Oh, no, no, no! You are doubtless right—quite right—and of course you know your business. Only—"

"Only what?"

"Oh, well, never mind. It struck me as a little queer, but I guess it's right—all right. It was because I am rather rusty on such matters, probably. Very entertaining, very, and I shall call again."

## TRIBES IN THE DESERT.

**They Are Simply Large Families Like Scotch Macgregors and Macdonalds.**

Arabs are, as all know, divided into tribes, which, like the Scotch clans, take names from their earliest head. As there are in North Britain Macgregors and Macdonalds—that is, sons of Gregor or of Donald—there are, in the desert, Beni Shammar, the sons of Shammar, and many other tribes similarly called after their first ancester. The aristocratic families of a tribe, says the author of "The Holy Land and the Bible," marry only in a very limited circle, to keep their wealth and influence in as few hands as possible. But the blue-blooded husbands make up for this by marrying several wives, leaving the supreme rank for the one of purest descent, who has the honor of giving out the provisions of the household and of preparing the meals for her husband and his guests, a prerogative which was ceded as a matter of course to Sarah when Abraham entertained the angels, and was proudly accepted by her.

If the husband, as is sometimes done, accepts from a childless wife the gift of one of her female slaves as a wife of inferior rank, in the hope that the latter may have a child whom her mistress may adopt, the child, until adopted and formally declared free, is, like its mother, a slave, and the property of the wife, and can be sold or driven out as she pleases, the husband, according to Arab custom, being helpless. Hagar and Ishmael were in this way the slaves of Sarah, and she was within her right when she demanded the expulsion of both from the encampment.

### Vagrant Love.

O vagrant Love! do you come this way?
I hear you knock at the long closed door
That turned too oft on the hinge before—
I am strong now; I can say you nay.

The vague, sweet smile on your lips to-day
Its meaning and magic I know of yore;
O vagrant Love, do you come this way?
I hear you knock at the long closed door.

But why your summons should I obey?
I listened once till my heart grew sore—
Shall I listen again, and again deplore?
Nay! Autumn must ever be wiser than May—
And the more we welcome the more you betray—
O vagrant Love, would you come this way

### Wicked Choirs.

Is it not about time for a general uprising and protest against the choir members who talk during prayer in church? asks the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate. Some of them seem to be so thoroughly filled with the idea of the importance of their singing that they violate every rule in the unwritten law of reverence. The preacher does not produce his notes for study nor keep mumbling over the outline of his sermon in an audible tone of voice while the anthem is being sung. Neither should the choir be preparing for voluntary or hymn while other parts of the service are being observed. Just as the preacher has his sermon ready when he comes to church, so should the singers be ready with their parts when they come. If they cannot be prepared before the service is commenced, let them keep quiet. Better not have any choir singing than to have it a cause of irreverence in the house of God. Let the crusade against the sin begin at once.

### City and Country Health.

Statistics do not show a greater longevity in the country than in the city, and if we exclude infant mortality from the account the exact reverse is true. Moreover, among these dwellers in the city who are able to live relatively as well as country people do the general health is unquestionably better. Beyond the limits of squalid poverty, the food, clothing and housing of city people in modern times are all better in a marked degree than in the country, and the cooking is immeasurably superior.—N. Y. World.

## CLUGSTON VISITED BY A POET.

**Who Learns Some Important Facts About the Money Value of Poetry.**

"What would this be worth to you?" inquired a tall, slender man with a large and mobile mouth, a retreating chin and a thin fringe of whiskers on the angle of either jaw, as he walked into the office of the Doodleville Yelper and laid a bundle of manuscript on the editor's table.

Editor Clugston picked it up leisurely and looked it over.

"H'm! This is poetry, is it not?" he said.

"Yes. A poem on 'Immortality.'"

"I thought I noticed that most of the lines seemed to begin with a capital. What was the inquiry you made about it?"

"What is it worth to you?"

"What is your idea of its value?"

"Well, it took me four hours to write it. I burned midnight oil over that poem."

"I have done the same thing over a tariff editorial many a time," mused Mr. Clugston.

"And it seems to me it ought to be worth $10."

"Are you aware, Mr.—"

"My name is Isnoggles—Perry Isnoggles. Accent on the I."

"Thank you. Are you aware, Mr. Isnoggles, that John Milton sold 'Paradise Lost' for only $72, one-third cash and the rest on time?"

"Why—"

"Are you aware that Robert Burns once tried to sell Tam O'Shanter for a suit of clothes worth about $6.50?"

"No. I never heard—"

"Did you know, Mr. Isnoggles?" said Editor Clugston, with increasing severity, "that Oliver Goldsmith once sold a poem two stickfuls long for a glass of ale and three links of sausage, and that Homer refused an offer of a sheepskin for his Iliad because he thought it was worth two sheepskins?"

"I'll take $5 for the poem, Mr. Clugston."

"Perhaps you have never heard, Mr. Isnoggles," pursued the editor, "that Plautus, the Roman poet, would grind out a rondeau at any time for a half-pint of shrimps."

"Say $2.50," suggested the visitor.

"And you did not know, possibly, that Tasso, the Italian poet, hawked a four-page poem about the streets of Sorrento for six shillings and couldn't sell it at that?"

"Would $1.50 be too much for this?"

"A dollar and a half for five pages of manuscript that Dryden would have sold, even when he was thirty years old, for half a crown?"

"You can have it for nothing, Mr. Clugston."

"H'm! This will take up—let me see—in leaded long primer, at least half a column, Mr. Isnoggles."

"I'd like to have it go in. I wouldn't mind paying you, say, fifty cents, Mr. Clugston, if you can make room for it."

"At regular rates, Mr. Isnoggles," replied the editor, "this would come to about $7.50, but I believe in encouraging home poets as much as I can. You are a home poet, are you not?"

"I was raised out here on the Riley farm."

"And on that account," resumed the editor, making a few figures on a sheet of paper before him, "I will come down to an even $5 bill."

"Thank you, Mr. Clugston. It is exactly what I had expected, but I—"

"Cash in advance, of course."

Mr. Isnoggles drew out a rather fine wallet, extracted the money therefrom and handed it over.

"Please say nothing about this," said Mr. Clugston, grandly, as he put the money in a pocket book ten times leaner than his visitor's. "I would do it for everybody."

Mr. Isnoggles expressed his gratitude and walked out.

"Darn a newspaper man that can't devise some way to meet a wash bill," soliloquized Editor Clugston as he leaned back in his chair and looked at himself in the glass.

### Gilder in Politics.

R. W. Gilder, the poet editor of the Century, entered the lists against Tammany. His appearance in politics last fall is described by the World: The appearances of Richard Watson Gilder in politics are rare, but not unfrequent with interest. He is as intense as most men of strong poetical fancy, and his manner on the stump would be amusing if there were not something rather pathetic in his earnestness. His hair is long, his face is gaunt and his figure is spare. He has the look of a scholar and an enthusiast. He is, indeed, both of these things. His speeches on the Bowery have been masterpieces of polite and brilliant scathing diction. The tough Hibernian Siders listened to Mr. Gilder [illegible] their cigars very far down in the corners of their mouths and their hands thrust deep in their pockets. One of them voiced the general sentiment of the crowd a few nights ago when after listening carefully to the rhetorical but to him inexplicable periods of Mr. Gilder's discourse, he turned on his heels slowly and said with an air of judicial fairness: "Well, of course, nobody knows wot it's all about, but this feller don't mean no harm."

### The Troubles of an